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I was inspired to submit a comment by an article posted on Sun's web site. This article continues to convince me that we live in a world rife with thieves. Thieves that now have the US government working for them. I will keep this short since there must be thousands of comments to sift through.

Microsoft has only done one thing wrong: a contract violation with Sun in terms of their implementation of the Java Virtual Machine (they added Windows specific logic). Absolutely that is a contract violation and should be punished. Every single other allegation is bogus. The US government has become the henchman for Oracle, Sun and the rest of the thieving whiners out there. Microsoft crushed Netscape because they bundled internet explorer. Good. I would like to sell a calculator program but Microsoft includes one in the operation system. Is a calculator part of the operating system? Isn't Microsoft using it's monopoly to keep me down? Shouldn't everyone be forced to pay for my calculator program?

Please keep in mind, that the only true monopolies (100% market share) that have existed in the history of this nation were created by the government. The free market has never yielded a monopoly - not a single one. Standard Oil's market share was smaller than Microsoft's for example.

The government's law suit is an attack on freedom and therefore the foundation of modern civilization.

Thanks for your time.

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